

## **Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: August 12th 2014 at 9:00 am**

**Board Members Present:** Ida Gropper, Rafael Caldera, Alicia Burst, Jesús Montero, Victor Pacheco, Judith Rodriguez, Yvonne Shaffer, Cristina Echeverry.

**Excused Board Members:** Patricia Solo-Josephson, Mario Decunto, Carmen Mantay

**Unexcused Board Members:** None

**Staff Present:** Chester Aikens (Chad), Ana Andreu

**Guests:** None

**Welcome:** Meeting was called to order by vice Chair, Ida Gropper. A quorum was confirmed.

**Minutes Approval** – The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

### **Fiscal and Executive Updates**

A Plaque has been ordered with a cost of \$42.00

### **Committee Reports**

- **Health, & Public Safety**
  - The radio spot for this week was healthy school lunches. Judy is meeting with Dr. White, from the Mayo Clinic in September. He is interested in disparity studies.
- **Education**
  - Jesus attended a presentation called "Know your rights" which is an immigration course at the Baker County detention center. All detainees appeared virtually in front of Judges.
- **Economic and Faith Based**
  - Jesus attended a Job Fair on June 16<sup>th</sup>. He obtained information on companies that are hiring bilingual people. He will forward that information to the board.
  - Ida stated that during the meeting she and Patty had with Representative Mia Jones, she approved the selling of ads for La Guia.
  - Judy is meeting with a manager from Walgreens. She will ask about placing ads for La Guia.

### **Community Partnership Subcommittee**

- Last year we had two meetings with non-profits and other community groups. Due to our work load, Ida recommended that this task goes back to Betzy Santiago in the Mayor's Office to reorganize and to hold at least one meeting.
- Ida made a motion to move this event to COJ. Rafael seconded. Rafael volunteered to assist with this function. Victor suggested holding this event at a local venue like a restaurant to promote businesses. Yvonne suggested using a school.
- The motion passed unanimously.

### **Hispanic Leadership Awards**

- Sixteen nominations have been submitted to date. The nominations will remain open until 8/15/14.
- Nominations are being accepted via e-mail due to technical issues with the nomination form.
- There will be a conference call on 8/22/14 at 8:15 am to discuss the rating process.
- The sub-committee will be able to rate the nominations from August 22-31. On September 4<sup>th</sup>, Rafael will compile a list of the ratings. On September 9<sup>th</sup> the sub-committee will present recommendations to the full board. During this meeting the board will vote on the winners.
- The HLA Ceremony will take place on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the City Council Chamber.

## **New Business**

- New Member:
  - Ida welcomed Dr. Cristina Echeverry (Tina), Director of Webster University as the new MHAAB member. Dr. Echeverry is replacing Javier Garcia.
- Secretary position:
  - Last meeting the board voted on two nominations for Secretary. Judy Rodriguez and Carmen Mantay.
  - Carmen declined the nomination.
  - Rafael motioned to vote Judy as the new secretary. Jesus seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Hispanic Expo:
  - Chad will check on the time, place and parking available for the Hispanic Expo.
  - Alicia motioned to participate as a Board during the Expo. Yvonne seconded. Jesus excused himself because he will not be available. Yvonne believes we need to be there and represent. Motion passes unanimously.
- Other:
  - Yvonne suggested that a table be sponsored for the ADT for underprivileged children. Ida mentioned that other Board members are working with ADT individually. Several members made suggestions on who can help with this initiative.

## **Next Meeting**

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 09/09/14 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Ana Andreu.